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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE TRANSMITTAL

1. Transmitted herewith is a Response to Election Requirement With Traverse in response to the Office Communication mailed March 23, 2006 for this application.

STATUS

2. Applicants are other than a small entity.

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EXTENSION OF TERM

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

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No additional fee for claims is required.

FEE DEFICIENCY

5. If a fee for claims is required, charge Deposit Account No. 50-2548. If a fee for an extension of time is required, charge Deposit Account No. 50-2548.

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Dear Sir:

This is filed in response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2006, and is being deposited as First Class Mail. The response is believed to be timely with respect to the 30-day shortened statutory period for response that was set in the Action.

With respect to the requirement for the election of species under 35 USC §121, the Applicant provisionally elects <u>permethrin</u> as the species of pyrethrin or synthetic pyrethroid for initial search and examination. The claims that are readable on this species include: claims 1 - 3, 6 - 12, 15, 16, 18 - 20 and 22 - 37.

The Action appears to require the election of a species for "an additional pesticide", which is mentioned in claims 1 and 6. With respect, the Applicant traverses the requirement that an election be made of "an additional pesticide", because that is not an element of the claims. Rather, the feature that is required in the claims is "if the seed is treated with a pesticide in addition to the pyrethrin ..., the additional pesticide is added as a part of the composition along with the pyrethrin ...". In fact, no particular "additional pesticide" is ever identified in the specification or the claims and, therefore the Applicant cannot specify such an element. In fact, any "pesticide" can fulfill this feature.

The Applicant maintains that specification of permethrin as the pyrethrin or synthetic pyrethroid fulfills the requirements for the election of species, and respectfully requests that search, examination, and allowance of the claims proceed on that basis.

Respectfully requested,

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April 21, 2006 Date

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